Table 8: U.S. Export Sales Summary 1/

U.S. export sales in September 1998 were down significantly from August 1998 and September 1997. Upland cotton sales for delivery in MY 1998/99 during September 4 - October, 1998 (4 weeks) registered net sales of 174,300 running bales, a weekly average of 43,575 bales. In MY 1997/98, Upland sales in September (4 weeks) registered a net of 407,200 running bales, a weekly average of 101,200 bales. The weekly upland export average through October 1 for MY 1998/99 was 75,000 running bales against MY 1997/98's weekly export average of 83,000 running bales and the five year average of 67,000 bales. Accumulated exports through October 1 for MY 1998/99 were 657,000 running bales compared with 725,600 million last year. Total upland outstanding sales for MY 1998/99 were 1.91 million running bales compared with 3.01 million the same time a year ago. Upland commitments (outstanding sales plus accumulated exports) to date were down 31 percent from last year at 2.5 million bales. Pima sales during September 4 - October 1, for delivery during MY 1998/99 were 20,400 running bales, while exports totaled 5,400 during the same period. Pima exports through October 1 for MY 1998/99 totaled 16,300 running bales, compared with 24,800 running bales the same time a year ago, while total Pima commitments amounted to 204,100 running bales.

U.S. Cotton Export Sales For 4 -Week Period September 4 - October 1 MY 1998/99 (1,000 Running Bales)					
Region/Country	Pima	All Upland	Upland		
			>1-1/16"	1" to 1-1/16"	< 1"
European Union ^{2/}	2.1	13.0	13.5	-0.5	0.0
Other Western Europe	0.2	-17.6	-17.6	0.0	0.0
Eastern Europe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Former Soviet Union	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Japan	8.9	46.8	42.1	3.2	1.5
Taiwan	0.9	8.3	1.3	6.0	1.0
China	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Korea Republic	0.2	16.0	9.9	6.1	0.0
India	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Asia & Oceania	7.2	34.1	18.4	13.7	2.0
Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Western Hemisphere	0.0	76.8	56.4	20.4	0.0
Total Unknown	<u>0.5</u>	<u>-3.9</u>	<u>-3.9</u>	0.0	0.0
Total Net Sales	20.4	174.3	120.9	48.8	4.6

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: USDA/FAS

October 1998

¹/ Total Net Sales includes 691,700 running bales of Upland and 40,700 of Pima carryover from MY 1996/97.

² European Union refers to the group of 15 countries formerly known as the European Community.